The News of Brooklyn

ALL EYES ON THE CAPITOL | A WIDOW'S HOME AT STAKE

FINAL HEARING ON CONSOLIDATION TO BE SHE SAYS HER DYING HUSBAND DE-

GIVEN TO-DAY. THE FORRESTER BILL REQUIRING FENDERS ON BUT A DOCUMENT IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN TROLLEY-CARS WILL BE AMENDED-SENA-

TOR BRUSH INTRODUCES A MEASURE CREATING A NEW OFFICE. Albany, Jan. 28 (Special).-Interest in the consolidation question, which has during the last two weeks been centred in Brooklyn, owing to the hearings held there before the joint investigating committee, has again appeared in the Capitol, and will be at its height to-morrow afternoon, when the final hearing on the question will be given in the Assembly chamber. Notice of the hearing was given out to-day after a hasty meeting of the committee called

to decide upon the time of the last hearing. Speculation has been rife to-day among the Brooklyn members, as to how a majority of the sub-committee stand in relation to a referendum clause in the charter to be submitted, but nothing authoritative as to the position of the members of the committee has been obtained.

A certificate of the proposed extension of the Nassau Electric Street Railway was filed with the Secretary of State to-day. The extension includes Morgan-ave., Stagg-st., Waterbury-st., Union-ave., First-st., Wythe-ave., Grand, River and North First sts.

Mr. Forrester, who has a bill before the Legislature requiring the use of the most approved fenders on the surface railroads of Brooklyn, will amend his bill in committee, so that all manufactu, ers of fenders may have equal opportunity to exhibit the merits of their fenders. His bill, as amended, will call for the appointment of a commission of seven, to be named by the Railroad Committee of the House, who are to give notice that all fenders received will be placed on the surface cars, and, after thirty days' trial, will report the fender considered most serviceable for the preservation of life and limb. The amendment further requires all lines

limb. The amendment further requires all lines doing business within the corporate limits to use the fender designated by the Commission.

Mr. Cullen to-day introduced a measure to exempt those desiring to teach in the schools of Brooklyn from the requirement now made, of having attended a training school for at least three months. Such an exemption is in force in New-York, and Mr. Cullen's bill asks that it be extended to Brooklyn. it be extended to Brooklyn.

Bills were introduced by Messrs, Marshall.

Wilson and Rudd exempting Van Buren-st.,

Montrose-ave., and Willoughby-st., from surface

A bill appropriating \$15,000 for the equipment of Troop C., of Brooklyn, was introduced by Mr. Hughes.

Burns, of the Shinnecock Indians, attracted attention in the Senate to-day, and many wondered for what purpose he was here. It developed later that the Indians objected to It developed later that the Indians objected to the frauds perpetrated at their yearly town meeting at Southampton, Long Island, and asked the Senate, through Dr. Brush, to take measures to prevent a repetition of the frauds.

In accordance with the adoption of a resolution in the Assembly asking for excise information, Clerk Saffen, of Kings County, has submitted to the clerk of the Assembly a statement showing the total number of licenses in the county to be 4,685, and the revenue derived from such licenses to be \$882,350.

Senator Brush introduced a bill authorizing the appointment of a deputy city clerk for Brooklyn, salary \$2,000 per annum, to sign warrants.

MISS BELLE CLINTON MARRIED.

SHE BECOMES THE WIFE OF A MAN WHO SAYS HE BELONGED TO THE CHILIAN NAVY-CHARGES AGAINST THE YOUNG WOMAN BY JOHN

DUREGE DISMISSED.

Miss Belle Clinton, alias May Rivers, who has een on trial charged with raising a check given er by John Durege, a music teacher, was married last Monday night to Leon M. Melville, who is said to have been a petty officer in the Chilian Navy. Melville, a young man of peppery temper, is about five feet high, has black hair and wears a uniform bedecked with much gold lace. He took an interest in Miss Clinton and the case from the beginning of tive of the young w her parents in Athol, Mass. He sent several notes to her, and conversed with her in the courtroom. After Miss Clinton was released on bail last Monday night, she went to the house of Mr. Childs, the lawyer, who lives on the Park Slope. That evening Mr. Childs, with Melville and Miss Clinton, visited the house of the Rev. Wesley L. Johnson, No. 530 Bedford-ave., where the marriage took place in the presence of Mr. Childs and a daughter of the minister. The newly married couple then went to Mr. Childs's home, where there were several guests, and there a wedding supper was eaten.

The trial of Miss Clinton was ended yesterday morning in Justice Walsh's court. The proceedings William Miles, District-Attorney Backus's first assistant, intimated that his chief had decided to abandon the idea of prosecuting

Backus's first assistant, intimated that his check had decided to abandon the idea of prosecuting Durege. Mr. Strauss, the young woman's counsel, was in court, and moved for her discharge from custody. The motion was graited by the magistrate, who said the evidence was not sufficient to warrant him in holding her. Mr. Durege was not in court yesterday morning, but Justice Walsh saw he could not hold him upon the complaint, and dismissed the case. The discharge of Mrs. Melville from custody will relieve the Kings County Trust Company from the responsibility as to the check alleged to have been raised by the young woman from 10 to \$1.000.

Melville was disturbed mentally because the fact of the wedding had become known. He said the marriage was not the result of a sudden acquaintance, as he had known the young woman for over a year. He says he married her to save her honor, and doesn't think the public is interested in any way in the affair. Melville says he intends to put his wife on a ship and take her as far away from Brooklyn as he possibly can. Although it is alleged that he was a petty officer in the Chillian Navy, other reports are to the effect that he is a purser on an English steamship, and on a steamship plying between this port and Spanish ports. Yesterday he said he had been employed in testing pneumatic tubes for the Navy, and declared he was an expert.

HE SETS GREAT STORE BY MR. WILLIS.

THE MAYOR BELIEVES THAT HE WILL EQUAL MR. WHITE'S RECORD.

Mayor Wurster believes that his chief lieutenant, the coming City Works Commissioner, Willis, will make a first-class record as the successor of Com-

"Do you think," he was asked last night by a Tribune reporter, "that Mr. Willis will find the pace

a hard one in following Commissioner White?"
"I do not," returned the Mayor promptly. "On the contrary, I believe that Mr. Willis will equal Mr. White's record. I am free to say that I don' believe that he will make a record that will stand out in such sharp contrast to Mr. White's record as that made by Mr. White shows in comparison with that of his Democratic predecessor, nor do I believe that such a thing is possible or expected by the people of Brooklyn who are conversant with the true situation. Mr. White has got things where they belong. It will be Mr. Willis's aim, I think, to keep them there, and improve wherever possible. Mr. White's principal engineers will doubtless remain in the department. They have their work systematized and everything working smoothly. Mr. Willis is an excellent manager, full of ampition to equal, and if possible, surpass the record of his predecessor, and there is no doubt whatever that he will acquit himself hudsomely. He will have all the old contracts before him and will know what is possible in the way of securing low

"Do you find your work more laborious than you expected?" the Mayor was asked.
"No; I am doing the work fairly easily, and my health and spirits are good."

COSTS TO BE SWEPT BY OCEAN BREEZES. The annual report of the Manhattan Beach Imrovement Company, Limited, was filed yesterday with the County Clerk. The document sets forth the capital stock as \$1,000,000, and the debts as \$2,750,000. At the same time the annual report of the Manhattan Beach Hotel and Land Company, Limited, was filed, showing a capital of \$2,000,000, debts of \$1,628,000 and assets of \$1,756,000. This re-port is signed by Messrs. Corbin, Maxwell, Edgell, Voorhees, Reynolds. Wild and A. N. Hubre and Frederick Cook.

CLARED HE MADE NO WILL

BY A FORMER WIFE TURNS UP. AND IS ADMITTED TO

PROBATE. The struggle which Dorothea Geler, of No. 774 Herkimer-st, is making to keep posses home was brought to the attention of Justice Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, yesterday, on an application for an order requiring Justice Harriman, of the Gates Avenue Police Court, and Katharina Frederick to show cause why they should not be restrained from custing the old lady from the Herkimer-st. house. The order is returnable on February 3, and in the mean time a temporary in function is in force.

Mrs. Geler says in her complaint that she was married to Conrad Geler on September 19, 1867. Two days before they were married he promised to give to her a half interest in the Herkimer-st. house, which he owned, but the deed was never executed. On April 25, 1891, he died.

Mrs. Geier says that, the night before, he told her and their daughter Christina that he had made no will. A few days after he was buried, however, his children by his former wife turned up with a

his children by his former wife turned up with a will, and, noiwithstanding Mrs. Geler's protests, it was admitted to probate. By the instrument the house was left to these children by the former marriage. They sold the property to Katharina Frederick, and on October 21, 1855, she began dispossess proceedings before Justice Harriman, and the matter came on for hearing on January 22.

Isaac Forster, Mrs. Geler's counsel, demurred on the ground that the action would necessarily involve the title to the property and the Justice had no jurisdiction. The demurrer was overruled, however, and a motion for an adjournment was denied. The matter was to have been decided to-morrow.

Mrs. Geler claims that the property, or, at least, half of it, belongs to her, and she does not believe the will probated was ever made by her husband.

TO INSPECT TROLLEY NEEDS.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION WILL MAKE A TOUR OF STREETS.

The Rathroad Commission of the State yesterday morning resumed its consideration of the application of the Brooklyn Bridge, Prospect Park and East River Railroad Company for privileges in many streets of Brooklyn, which are substantially the sam as those designated in the application of the East River and Atlantic Ocean Railroad Company. Brooklyn Bridge, Prospect Park and East River Railread Company has the Brooklyn Heights Company's influence behind it, while the East River and Atlantic Ocean Company is backed by the Flynn people. Monroe-st, is among the thoroughfares in which privileges are desired. At yesterday's hearing a number of property-owners in that street, led by F. R. Mitchell, the president of the Property-Owners' Association, with John R. Kuhn, counsel. appeared. Charles A. Collins appeared for the applying company, and James C. Church, counsel for the Flynn Syndicate, appeared in the interests of his clients, who opposed the granting of the applica-

The committee decided that they ought to go ever The committee decided that they do not be the ground, but first they agreed to hear the protest of the Monroe-st. people. Mr. Kuhn said that neither public convenience nor necessity made a trolley line in Monroe-st. desirable. He said that there is now a line in Gates-ave, which extends the entire length of Monroe-st, with the exception of one block, and there are other lines in nearby strets. Mr. Kuhn asserted that 50 per cent of the property-owners in Monroe-st are opposed to having trolley-cars run in that thoroughfare, Mr. Mitchell described the trolley lines and streets in the neighborhood, and said that in the short time which the property-owners had had to get up a protest to the common Council last December, it had secured the signatures of 50 per cent of the property-owners opposed to the proposed road, and Mr. Mitchell said that if the association had had a little more time, undoubtedly it would have procured the signatures of the others.

Commissioner Beardsley said: "There doesn't appear to be a scarcity of railroads in the neighborhood." Before the hearing was resumed this morning the Commissioners will have made a tour of inspection along the route of the proposed line. the ground, but first they agreed to hear the pro

DON'T GEE. AS THEY SAY IN OHIO.

WILLIAM J. BENNETT AND MAYOR GLEASON CLASH, AND THE LAW IS INVOKED.

William J. Bennett, Health Officer of Long Island City, is getting to believe that since "Paddy" Gleason returned to the throne, the place resembles old Gravesend in the days when injunctions didn't "go." This morning he has returnable in the Supreme alleged that he was a distant relawhy he should not be punished for contempt.

Mr. Bennett and Mayor Gleason, as they so

Ohlo, don't gee. On the first Monday of January, after Mr. Gleason entered office, the plaintiff and members of the Board of Health went to the City Hall to hold a meeting. The door to their room was locked and guarded by a big policeman. They held the meeting in the hallway.

The next meeting night they tried it again, but found the door locked as before and two policemen found the door locked as before and two policemen on guard. In the mean time the injunction order was secured and presented to the policemen. They refused to accept it, and it was read. But they were acting under Mr. Moore's orders, they said, and "I'ell with the paper." The order was then read to Mr. Moore himself, and the only effect it had was to allow Mr. Bennett, the secretary of the Board, and the lawyer in the meeting-room. The other members of the Board were still excluded. Mr. Bennett says that was contempt of court.

BARROOM-KEEPER'S FEAR LED TO DEATH. John Deterling, a barroom-keeper at No. 785 De Kalb-ave., committed suicide on Monday. It was said yesterday by his friends that he had become despondent over the prospect of a failure to have his license renewed because his saloon is situated within 200 feet of a church.

THE REV. DR. HEISCHMANN DEAD.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore Heischmann died on Mon day, at his home, No. 218 Pacific-st., Jersey City He was born in Magdeburg, Germany, in 1823. He Magdeburg, and later in the universities of Bonn and Berlin. For two years he was paster of a church at Dinslaken, on the Rhine, and, when the war between Prussia and Denmark began he enlisted in a Prussian hussar regiment. After the close of the war he was for five years pastor of a church in Hamburg, Germany. He then came to this country and was pastor of several churches in New-York State. At the outbreak of the Civil War he became the chaplain of the 74th Pennsylvania Volunteers With his regiment he took part in the second battle of Bull Run, the battles before Fredericksburg, tle of Bull Run, the battles before Fredericksburg, at Culpeper Court House, at Charleston, S. C., and other engagements. After the war he was the pastor of churches in Baltimore and Brooklyn. He is survived by two children, the Rev. Dr. John J. Helschmann, pastor of St. Peter's Church, in Bedford-ave., Brooklyn, and the wife of the Rev. H. Grandlienard, pastor of the French Evangelical Church, in Sixteenth-st., New-York. The funeral will be held in St. Peter's Church, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

EXPERT DECLARES ELY WAS INSANE. In the opinion of Dr. Carles F. MacDonald, the late John R. Ely, the wealthy distiller, was insane as far back as 1888. Dr. MacDonald, who is an expert gave that as his belief before Surrogate Abbott yes-terday afternoon, when he appeared on behalf of Mrs. Ely and her son, who are suing to break the will of the distiller. The case was continued.

NEW-UTRECHT CAN FIGHT FIRE NOW. New-Utrecht's fire department will be ready on day that the four new engine houses would be oc-cupled on the last day of this month. In addition to the regular steam engines and crews, each New-Utrecht house will have a chemical engine for use at fires, where the water supply is inadequate.

AFTER THE ERRING POLICE.

Police Commissioner Welles said yesterday that members of the police force brought before him in members of the police force brite and barrooms for drinks, while on duty, will be fined twenty days' pay for the first offence, and be dismissed for the second. Yesterday morning the Commissioner imposed the following fines: James Burke and John Kramer, of the First Precinct, for entering a borroom while in uniform, ten days' pay; Lawrence Crowney, of the Second Precinct, for using profane language and being off his post, five days' pay; Patrick Fagan, of the Sixth Precinct, for being off his post, five days' pay; James Buckley, of the Nineteenth Precinct, for entering a barroom, ten days' pay; John J. Collins, of the Twenty-second Precinct, for being intoxicated while on duty, his second offence, was dismissed from the force Kramer, of the First Precinct, for entering a

SAILING VESSEL.

MAN FROM THE PORT OF CALETA BUENA, SOUTH AMERICA-THE YANKEE'S

> MAINYARD CAME FROM THE GREAT EASTERN.

A long ocean race ended when the American ship Willie Rosenfeld came into this port from Caleta Euena, South America, just twelve hours before the arrival of the ship Allerton, an English vessel, and the old salts near the Erie Basin are reminded of the days when the American elipper sailing vessels showed the way to all other sailing craft.

The Willie Rosenfeld is of 2,353 tons register, and is commanded by Captain Dunphy; the Alerton is of 1,938 tons burden, and is commanded by Captain Farmer. The British ship salled from Caleta Buena fifteen days before the Willie Rosenfeld, with a lead of 15,000 nautical miles. When they rounded Cape Horn both ships

sailed near many icebergs, and the seamen of the Allerton say that once they sailed within a few hundred feet of a berg which towered high above the top of the mainmast, and which was fully half a mile long. Between Cape Horn and the Falkland Islands the American ship had several narrow escapes from collision with the tee fields and hergs. Sometimes the crew had to bring the ship about suddenly to avoid a rash.

When the equator was crossed the vessels had not sighted each other. Off Cape Hatteras, where the stormy winds blow violently at this

where the stormy winds blow violently at this season, northwest and southwest gales made the Willie Rosenfeld labor heavily for twelve days. On Jahuary 23 a hurfcane from the west blew both ships from their courses, and they were obliged to put off shore.

When the hurricane had been weathered the courses were shifted, and the stanch old American vessel arrived here twelve hours before the Allerton put in. Both ships bore cargoes of nitrate of soda, which is being unloaded into the Erie Basin Stores. Captain Dunphy said yesterday that both he and the captain of the Allerton had expected that the Willie Rosenfeld would put into this port first, as the British versel, a steel vessel, had not been docled for twenty-five months.

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The mainyard of the Willie Rosenfeld was once the mainyard of the Great Eastern, and Captein Durphy bought it in England when that tremendous steamship was taken apart there.

TEA ON A PARLOR TROLLEY.

THE ELECTRIC-CAR MONTAUK IS UTILIZED BY WOMEN.

trolley parlor-car Montauk rolled into a new field of usefulness yesterday afternoon, when Miss Ruby L. Keeney and thirty young women who were ner guests took a long trip on it through the city. Afternoon tea was served on the car. The Montauk left Johnson-st. between Fulton and Washington sts., at 2 o'clock, went to Bensonhurst and returned, hence along Flatbush-ave, to Prospect Park, and back to the City Hall by the Nostrand and Myrtle

back to the City Hall by the Northam and says a wenne lines.

The guests were as follows: Miss Sherwood, Miss Snyder, Miss Sheridan, Miss Allie Sheridan, Miss Grace Carey, Miss Carstein, Miss Smith, Miss Nat-ting, Miss Mae Nutting, Miss Tunison, Miss Hal-stead, Miss Scholled, Miss Lamadrid, Miss Canklin, Miss Le Strange, Miss strown, Miss Bliss, Miss Uncles, Miss Thornton, Miss Helen Thornton, Miss Lambert, Mrs Sanford, Mrs Glover, Mrs William-son, Mrs, Angus, Mrs, Hallock, Mrs, McMahon, Mrs, Jarvis.

AGAINST THE ELEVATED ROAD.

A BILL TO REMOVE THE SANDS-ST. STRUCTURE WILL BE POUGHT.

Assemblyman McKeown has introduced a bill at Albany requiring the removal of the structure of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad at Washington and William B. Longyear, auditor of company, said yesterday afternoon to a Tribune re-porter: "I know nothing whatever about the bill porter: "I know nothing whatever about the bill Any one who proposes to remove this structure of any part of it will find out that he has undertaken most difficult task. What part of the structure i referred to I do not know, but I imagine it is the covered promenade that extends from the ferry line to Washington-st. We do not propose, however, to give up that. We gave up a part of our structure at one time, and it is not likely that we will repeat the misrake." the mistake.

Chief Engineer Martin, of the New-York and Brookin Bridge, said that he had heard nothing of such a bill. It would certainly be a great mistake to carry out any such project, if it is proposed to remove the structure extending through Sands-st.

LAWYERS' SUITS CRITICISED.

A CLAIM BY ONE ON HIS CLIENT'S LEGI REFUSED.

Francis W. Lazak, who died some time ago trusted \$5,000 with \$465 accrued interest to the Brooklyn Trust Company for the benefit of Mrs. Antolnette L. Schermerhorn. Aaron Kahn, her counsel, claiming that he had an agreement with her by which he was to receive half of whatever she got out of the estate, sued the Brooklyn Trust Company in a justice's court and got judgment for \$248 %

The judgment was reversed yesterday on appeal by Judge Hurd, of the County Court, who has this "Whether the plaintiff has any den against the fund or its income, or any claim whateve the fund or its income, or any came wastern against his client, is not free from doubt. Contests between attorneys and clients are regarded with suspicion by the courts; they have been denominated presumptively fraudulent, and the burden is on the attorney, not only to prove the execution of the paper, but that it was fair, just and reasonable, and that the client fully understood it. Judgment reversed with costs."

SAD NEWS FOR THE SCULPTOR.

Frederick MacMonnies, the sculptor, was preparing to leave Paris on Saturday to visit his father, William MacMonnies, who died on Sunday morning, when a brother sent him a cable message from Brooklyn telling him not to hurry home for that especial purpose, as he would be too late. A mesage was received from the aculptor saying that he was greatly shocked and unnerved, and sending its love to the family, assuring them that he would be home as soon as circumstances would permit. Father and son were deeply attached to each other. The funeral services of the father took place last night, and were conducted by the Rev. Charles W. King, of the Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church. The burial will be in Greenwood.

IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL COME.

Mayor Wurster, in speaking of retrenchments the expenditures of money for public improvement, said yesterday that all the improvement planne last year will be pushed forward, especially the work on the new East River bridge and public school houses. The work of laying out new streets, putting down new pavements, and other required putting down new payements, and other required improvements will also be carried out. "Brooklyn," said he, "is not in as penurious a condition as some of her detractors try to make out. We have a surplus of \$2,000,000, and before the end of the year this will reach \$1,000,000, and before the end of the year this will reach \$1,000,000, We would have had \$1,000,000 or over more if the Board of Supervisors had not failed to do its duty in providing funds for the maintee of the country government. As it is, we have to take the money for that purpose from the city funds."

A PARROT CAUSES A FIRE.

Sometimes careless men teach parrots to swear and do other shocking things. The mischievous nstinct, latent in the minds of all such evil-man nered birds, was shown yesterday in the apart ments of Philip Thompson, who lives on the second floor of the frame building in the rear of No ond floor of the frame building in the rear of No. 688 Bergen-st. Mr. Thompson has a parrot. It is a bad paggot—a bird of ill omen, and naturally depraved. It cocked its head to one side yesterday afternoon, winked one eye peacefully, and saw a kerosene lamp in the apartment. The bird saw its opportunity, and, while no one was looking, it upset the lamp. The fire ignited the furniture. Before the flames were extinguished \$150 worth of damage was done.

DEATH OF WILLIAM C. SHELDON.

William C. Sheldon, a prominent New-York bank-er and for many years a resident of Brooklyn, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 44 Remsen-st., from pneumonia. Mr. Sheldon was prominent in the Episcopal Church, and had helped many charitable institutions. He was born in August, 1823, in Delaware County, near Delhi, N. Y. He received his education in the public schools, and came to Brooklyn when he was a boy. He entered the dry-Brooklyn when he was a boy. He entered the drygoods house of John A. C. Grey & Co., in NewYork, more than fifty years ago. He remained
with this firm for a number of years, but about
1870 went into Wall Street, when the banking-house
of Leonard, Sheldon & Foster, at No. 10 Wall-st.,
was formed. The firm name was afterward
changed to William C. Sheldon & Co., No. 4 Wallst. Two sons and two daughters survive him.
The funeral will be held at Grace Church on Thursday, and the burial will be at Delhi, N. Y.

REPORT.

FIFTEEN DAYS START ALLOWED THE ENGLISH- PLANS TO SATISFY THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS-NO SCHOOL CHILDREN MISSED HER-SHE PAID HER CAUSE FOR APPREHENSION-WORK OF THE PAVING DEPARTMENT.

The City Works Commissioner, Mr. White, was busily engaged yesterday in preparing his report on the city water-supply problem for presentation to the Board of Aldermen next week. For months, and, in fact, ever since he has been in office, Mr. White has found the solving of the knotty question of this branch of his department the most laborious and vexatious of any civic problem which has come before him. Its great importance, as every one interested in city affairs knows, has finally brought about proposals for its separation 'nto a department practically by itself, to be in operation just as soon as a bill for that purpose can be passed by the Legislature. Now that there is a more than reasonable certainty for the change, Mr. White and other high city officials are wondering why the Department was not divided years ago.

A great many half-informed people have be rated the powers that be for what they term an inadequate and inefficient service; but the words of the Commissioner and the report of the work accomplished will be for the most part, a refutation of ill-natured criticism. It is true that the newly annexed towns are badly off in respect to a sufficient water supply; but if the plans be carried out in the near future there will be no ground for complaint.

A TALK WITH MR. WHITE.

In reply to a question regarding the general condition of the water supply in Brooklyn, Mr. White said: "The average daily consumption of water in 1895 was 80,124,452 gallons, as compared with 76,057,654 gallons daily during the

preceding year. "Fortunately last year, even during the extreme drouth, the supply of water in Brooklyn proved adequate for every need, and it was not necessary to impose restraint upon consumption even for a day. And it is a matter of congratulation that the pressure at any time was not materially reduced. This improvement was due to the extension of the works at the various pumping stations, and the construction of new works during 1894 and 1895, together with the sinking of many apparently inexhaustible wells. "For the extension of the supply system, a

contract was made in 1894 for a guaranteed increase of 25,000,000 gallons daily from stations to be erected between Freeport and Massapequa. The five stations necessary for this supply have now been located and works are under way at the Agawan station near Freeport, and the Merrick and the Massapequa stations. Work will soon be commenced on the other two We expect the guaranteed daily minimum to be delivered by August 1 next. From Jamaien Park station 5,000,000 gallons daily are pumped by the Pohls air lift process. The wells here are deep, and the supply of water, which is good, seems to come from a long distance, PIPES TO BE LAID.

"Now, as to the conveyance of this supply throughout the city. We propose to have the construction of a line of 64-inch steel pipe or two lines of 48-inch cast-iron pipe from the Millburn engine-house to Spring Creek. This construction will be bid for and begun within the next few months. Now, from Spring Creek to the Ridgewood engine-house work has already been begun on a double line of 48-inch iron pipe. The completion of this entire line of pipe to Millburn is a matter of pressing importance, not only for the conveyance of the proposed additional supply. but for the relief of the old aqueduct which has for many years conveyed the daily supply much in excess of that for which it was original ly planned.

"In regard to the Ridgewood pumping station, contracts have been made for its complete reconstruction, including the removal of two old engines, and the erection of three new engines of 20,000,000 gallons capacity each. When this work is completed the capacity of the two Ridgewood stations will be more than 125,000,000 gallons dally. This capacity, I may add, will be

ars to come.
"During the last year, several large mains two been put down in districts of the city here the need was greatest."
"What about work on the new mains?" was

asked. Contract has been made and work actively begun on a new 4s-inch main nearly eight mile in length, which is to extend directly from th in length, which is to extend directly from the Ridgewood reservoir through East New-York-ave, Fort Hamilton-ave, and to the Thirtieth Ward and the southern end of the Eighth Warf. This main will be completed early next summer, and will not only substantially relleve the southern portion of the city, but will improve the service of the whole central district by relieving it from the demands made on its pairs by the more remote southern district. by relieving it from the demands made on its mains by the more remote southern district. After next summer New-Utrecht cannot com-plain of a lack of water. We have already made some improvements in the Thirtleth Ward, whose system the city has acquired, and the situation has been somewhat improved; but it bears no comparison now to what it will be."

NO WATER FROM THE STREAM.

Regarding the purity of the water in the Jamaica stream, from which the city formerly obtained 4,000,000 gallons daily, Mr. White said that no water had been taken from that stream during all of last year. None will be taken until the village authorities are compelled to construct a sewerage system with a discharge outlet south of all the waterworks of the city. "Now," continued Mr. White, "to preserve the city from any possible pollution of the Hempstead reservoir, I have recommended a plan which, I think, will be soon carried out. It is which, I think, will be soon carried out the to convey the stream from a point just below the village of Hempstead for a distance of over three miles through a 36-inch pipe, to an outlet south of our aqueduct. This will cost

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"It has been suggested, Mr. White, that it might be a good idea to lay separate mains in a large part of the city territory, using sea water for fire department and sprinkling needs solely. Would this be either economical or a relief to the system?"

"It would neither be economical nor a substantial relief. The average consumption of the Fire Department is only 2½ per cent of the supply. There is no need of duplicating the mains. It would, as any one can see, be a useless ex-

Mr. White spoke in a general way of the money required to consummate the projected improvements, and in answer to a general question to that effect, referred to his speech before the Joint Assembly Committee last week, in which he declared that the financial end of the matter had been, or would be, fully provided for.

THE PAVING DEPARTMENT. Commissioner White has comprised in the

following report a résumé of the work done by the Paving Department in Brooklyn during th last year. The report in part is as follows:

During 1856 there were laid 10.518 miles of granite pavement. 27 miles of Belglan, 9.008 miles of asphalt. 321 miles of brick, 7.580 miles of macadam and 3.070 miles of cobblestone. Included in the granite work is the first piece of granite pavement ever laid in Brooklyn on a concrete base with tar and gravel joints, namely, on Fulton-st., from Sands-st. to Willoughby-st. The cobblestone pavement laid during the year was in pursuance of proceedings inaugurated several years ago. This amount is much more than offset by removal of 17,725 miles of cobblestone pavement, for which improved pavements have been substituted, so that the total mileage of cobblestone was reduced 14,655 miles during the year.

The mileage of asphalt pavements contracted for added to the amount constructed in the last of the twelve months exceeds in amount the whole extent of asphalt pavements (17,44 miles) which existed one year ago. last year. The report in part is as follows:

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The total value of street improvements made under the supervision of the Bureau of Local Improvements during the year aggregates the remarkable total of \$1,507,141 96.

HE HAS LESS NAME NOW. Giussepe Scaramellino has tired of handling to much name, and yesterday he received permission from Judge Hurd, of the County Court, to change it to Joseph Palma. He is a barber and lives at No. 40 Carroll-st.

THE AMERICAN SHIP WON THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY. THE CANDY WOMAN STARVED NEW CIVIL SERVICE LIST.

Ann Purcell, who is seventy-one years old, was removed from a room in the garret of a rear tene ment-house at No. 85 Hudson-st. late on Monday afternoon to the hospital in Flatoush so ill and weak from starvation that she was almost uncon-Mrs. Purcell Lved alone, and as long as she was able to go about supported herself by peddling candy to the children of Public School No. 7, at York and Bridge sts. In the summer when the school was closed, she carried on her small trade

at a sidewalk stand near the Brooklyn entrance to the Bridge. She paid \$3 50 a month for the garret room, and The up to last month always paid it in advance. neighbors knew little about her, as she seemed to avoid intercourse with them, though she was by no means unfriendly. Her rooms were scantily furnished, but were always kept clean and tidy, and she seemed to take pride in making her old clothing

About ten days ago the school children missed her from her accustomed corner. They talked the matter over, and concluded that she was sick. Some of them tried to learn where she lived, but

The fact that the woman was missing was no reported to the police, and she might have died alone in her room had not a neighbor who was hunting through the attle discovered her. Another woman went to the office of the Department of Charities and Correction at Elm Place and Living-Charities and Correction at Eim Place and Living-ston-st., and informed the clerk, who at once sent an ambulance to the house. At Mrs. Purcell's request a priest was sent for, and the last rites of the church were administered.

The only food that was found in the room was a piece of bread on a stand at the side of the bed, so dry and hard that it could not be broken. It is believed that Mrs. Purcell had tasted no food for a week. An old-time photograph of a tall, well formed man, dressed in the uniform of the United States Army, was found in the room. It is believed that it is the picture of a brother or friend.

At the hospital yesterday it was said that the woman could not recover.

A TROLLEY IN THE DRAMA.

WILL PATRICK H. FLYNN BACK A TRA-GEDIAN TO FAME?

IT IS SAID THAT THE WILY PRESS AGENT IS ABROAD IN THE LAND AND HIS FINE ITALIAN HAND SEEMS TO BE LURKING

SOMEWHERE.

Patrick H. Flynn, the head of the combination interested in surface railway affairs, commonly called the Flynn syndicate, whose name has been in the newspapers a great many times in the last few months because of the applications for franchises-Patrick H. Flynn, commonly supposed to be wholly and exclusively interested in troiley road schemes and policies, is about to launch forth into the theatrical sea, not as an actor, but in the character of a financial backer. In brief, Patrick is going to be at the head of a theatrical syndicate which will provide the cash necessary for the production of certain plays to be presented at the Park Theatre by George C. Miln, the tragedian. Mr. Miln said yesterday that Mr. Flynn had

been kind enough "to associate himself with certain gentlemen in supplying the sinews of war for my future theatrical enterprises." He said that Mt. Flynn does not intend to become a theatrical manager, as the president of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company is absorbed in "numerous and important commercial enterprises." District-Attorney Foster L. Backus introduced Mr. Miln to Mr. Flynn, speaking in complimentary terms of the actor. At that time Mr. Miln talked to Mr. Flynn about certain plans the actor had made, relating to the production of several plays, and especially of ne he called "A Napoleonic play."

Mr. Miln says he found Mr. Flynn to be thoroughly acquainted with historical and literary affairs, and that the interview between the actor and railway man was altogether charming and eminently satisfactory. Consequently Mr. Miln is going about and saying some nice things of Mr. Flyen, who, he avers, told him that he, Mr. Flynn, was a novice as to the practical side of theatrical affairs. Mr. Flynn, however, listened with interest to Mr. Miln's plans as he surate with the conduit capacity, and told of them, and agreed to be one of a company sufficient for future increases for some of enabling Mr. Miln to play Shakespearian tragedy to his heart's content. It may be mentioned, incidentally, that this will advertise Mr.

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In the interview Mr. Flynn did not express any admiration for any particular play or any kind of plays, and Mr. Miln didn't say whether or not the snave railroad man had any desire to play lago, Shylock or the "Melancholy Dane," so that important question is unanswered. Mr. Miln received the impression that Mr. Flynn was "heart and soul wrapped up in his commercial enterprises, and that any interest he might take in the matter discussed would wear the aspect of a playful diversion on his part and a friendly service rendered to one whom he believed to be in some degree worthy, and who had been introducd to him by a friend in whom he had the utmost confidence."

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Mr. Miln will appear in Shakespearlan dramas
at the Park Theatre for two weeks beginning on
February 4, and he will be supported financially
by the company of men referred to. Mr. Miln
lived in Brooklyn until he became an actor,
about fourteen years ago. Recently he completed a successful tour in Australia and India,
which lasted seven years. It is announced that
his engagement at the Park Theatre will be the
beginning of an extended theatrical tour in this
country. Next fall he will produce his "Napolebeginning of an extended theatrical tour in this country. Next fall he will produce his "Napole-cuic play," upon which some critics who read it have made favorable comment. During his engagement at the Park Theatre he will be seen in "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "The Fool's Revenge" and "Julius Caesar." Probably the syndicate has already engaged a press agent. His fine Italian hand seems to be lurking somewhere.

WIEMAN'S BILL AND REVENGE.

THERE IS TALK THAT EX ASSEMBLYMAN FINNE-. GAN HAS AN AXE TO GRIND.

Senator Wieman has introduced a bill for the re rganization of the Inebriates' Home, at Fort Hamilton. The bill substitutes for the present Board the following directors: The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Alfred T. White, Dr. George R. Fowler, James Hardie, Dr. Homer L. Bartlett, Robert Gair, Dr. Victor A. Robertson, Michael E. Finnegan, John H. O'Rourke, James E. Davis, James A. Welsh, Henry Joseph, Augustus C. Fischer, Eben J. John Lefferts, and the Mayor, Controller and Treasurer of Brooklyn.

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The only members of the old Board retained are ex-Assemblyman Michael E. Finnegan and John H. O'Rourke, the president of the Seaside Athletic Club. It is said that the bill, which is introduced by request, was prepared by Mr. Finnegan for the purpose of ousting ex-Supervisor Cornelius Ferguson, the superintendent of the home, with whom Finnegan is not on good terms.

A meeting of the directors of the home was held at the city office of the institution, No. 9 Court Square, on Friday last, for the purpose of electing a president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Judge Massey. Mr. Finnegan announced himself as a candidate for the office, but received only two votes, and John Vevills was elected, receiving ten votes. It is said that Mr. Finnegan at once began to prepare the bill which has since been introduced.

IN AID OF THE HOSPITAL. A reception and promenade concert, to be given in aid of the Eastern District Dispensary

and Hospital, will take place at the Pouch Gallery to-morrow evening. The Hungarian and Schneld er's bands will furnish music. Dancing will begin at 9:30 o'clock, and supper will be served from 10 to 1 o'clock. The Committee on Entertainment is composed of Griswold Denison, George B. Tompkins, John S. McKeon, James F. Bendernagle and borne and a jury in the Supreme Court in the suit Ephraim Johnson. This committee has issued invi-Ephraim Johnson. This committee has issued invitations saying that every year the demand upon the resources of the dispensary and hospital is increased, so that the co-operation and help of the generous public is needed. During the last year the institution extended aid to nearly 20,000 applicants; the ambulance services was brought into use over 1,000 times, and twenty-nine doctors, besides nurses and house servants, are needed to carry on the beneficent work of the dispensary and hospital. Tickets to the reception and concert will cost \$5\$ apiece, admitting women and their escort. Returns should be made promptly to Mr. Der on, the treasurer, at Box No. 59, Station W. Brooklyn. Mayor Wurster is president of the Board of Trustees of the dispensary and hospital.

A LONG OCEAN RACE WITH A BRITISH COMMISSIONER WHITE PREPARING HIS ANN PURCELL FOUND DYING IN HER MAYOR WURSTER REMEMBERS DEMO

ALEXANDER E. ORR, TRUMAN J. BACKUS AND IRVING L. BRAGDON ARE REAPPOINTED COM. MISSIONERS-THE OTHERS ARE JACKSON WALLACE, LUDWIG NISSEN, ED-

ARTHUR S. SOMERS. Mayor Wurster yesterday morning made the last of the important appointments in his gift, when he named the Civil Service Commiss for the next two years-Alexander E. Orr, a Demecrat of the Tenth Ward; Truman J. Backus, an independent Republican of the First Ward, and Irving L. Bragdon, a Republican of the Seventa Ward, all of whom are reappointed; Jackson Wallace, a Republican of the Sixth Ward; Lucwig Nissen, a Republican of the Twenty-third

WARD B. JORDAN AND



Ward; Edward B. Jordan, a Democrat of the Ninth Ward, and Arthur S. Somers, a Democrat of the Fourteenth Ward, to take the places on the Civil Service Board formerly occupied by I. Warren Greene, Willis S. Ogden, Benjamin Este and A. C. Perkins.

Jackson Wallace is a well-known lawyer and was president of the Board of Aldermen in 1894 and 1895. He is active in politics, and was a candidate in the Republican County Convention for the nomination for Surrogate, but was defeated by Maddox. He is the executive member of the



Sixth Ward Republican Association in the County

Committee, and is the Administration candidate for the chairmanship of the Republican Executive Committee Edward R. Jordan Is known as a conservative

Democrat, and lives at No. 873 Union-st. He is & manufacturer and a member of the Montauk Arthur S. Somers has been a member of the

Board of Education. He lives in the Fourteenth Ward, was the regular candidate for Congress in the VIth District, and was defeated by James R. Howe. He is a Democrat of the old school.

Alexander E. Orr is president of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, and is well known as 6



JACKSON WALLACE.

public-spirited citizen in Brooklyn and in New

Ludwig Nissen is a jeweller in Maiden Lane, New-York City. He is president of the Jewellers' Association. Mr. Nissen was instrumental in bringing about a movement among the Eastern District Germans to elect Mr. Wurster, and is said to have had a hand in 'nfluencing the

Twenty-third Ward delegates to vote for Mr. Wurster in the city convention. Truman J. Backus is an advocate for the enforcement of Civil Service principles, and is best

known as president of the Packer Collegiate In-

stitute.
Irving L. Bragdon, who is in business in New-York City, has been active in the Republican politics of the Seventh Ward.
The Civil Service Commissioners are not paid salaries for their services. The successor to ex-Secretary W. J. D. Campbell will probably be selected as soon as possible after the Board is ready for business. It is intimated that the Board may increase the salary of the office from \$2,500 to \$4,000, so that a thoroughly able and satisfactory man may be induced to become severetary.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN. William Dunlap Sargent, vice-president and general manager of the New-York and New-Jerses Telephone Company, is seriously ill at his house,

The Senatorial Club on next Saturday evening will give a "smoker" at the clubrooms, No. 83 Myrtle-ave. State Senator George W. Brush, Assemblyman A. C. Audett and Assemblyman George W. Wilson are expected to address the meeting. The officers of the club are H. Willard Griffiths, president; Henry J. Hoffman, vice-president; Frederick W. Kristeller, secretary; Francis C. E. von Sternberg, treasurer, and Arthur H. Phillips, tem-

The body of John Rauch was found hanging from the limb of a tree in Vanderveer's woods near the line of the Manhattan Beach Railroad yesterday afternoon. Rauch was a butcher's helper in East New-York-ave.

Trial was begun yesterday of the suit of Wojciech Noga, as administratrix of his daughter, Victoria Noga, against the Paul Weidmann Brewing Com-pany to recover \$10,000 damages for her death, caused by a brewery wagon running over her. Hearing was begun yesterday before Justice C+

cover \$5,000 damages for personal injuries from the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company.

The Wrong Tack.—"I know what I'll do," sali the young candidate. "I'll lay in a big supply of plug tobacco, and every time I meet one of the hayseeds I'll offer him a chew."
"You will do nothing of the sort," said his manager. "You will go out without a bit and borrow a chew from every man you meet. Haven't you got sense enough to know that the man you are under obligations to always feels warmer town you than the man you have done a favor?" (Indianapolis Journal.